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RE: ADM File No. 2006-16

Dear Mr. Davis:

I have never been a fan of sentence-bargaining and I strongly oppose any proposed rule which would allow for the terms of a criminal plea agreement to include a specific sentence disposition.

Particularly in district court settings, such a rule is unnecessary and would result in parties conducting themselves in ways that would confuse defendants. If such pleas were accepted, the practice would disastrously replace judicial decision-making with a rubber stamp and would effectively nullify the additional flexibility of probation cases afforded by MCL § 771.2(2) which provides, in part, that "[t]he court may amend the order in form or substance at any time."

I urge the rejection of any rule which would allow parties to include specific sentence dispositions as a part of presented plea agreements.

Very truly yours,

/Norene S. Redmond/

Hon. Norene S. Redmond  
Chief Judge

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